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SUBJECT: UN RESTRUCTURING: FRENCH SEEK SUPPORT FOR THEIR
SECRETARIAT POST

1. SUMMARY: THE MINISTER COUNSELOR OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY
CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TOUSSAINT MARCH 30 TO
SEEK U.S. SUPPORT FOR MAINTAINING THE QUOTE FRENCH POSITION
UNQUOTE OF USYG FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS IN THE UN
SECRETARIAT IN THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
SECTORS OF THE UN SYSTEM. HE LEFT A SHORT AIDE-MEMOIRE
SPELLING OUT THE FRENCH VIEWS. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
TOUSSAINT INDICATED THAT THE U.S. POSITION REGARDING THE
RESTRUCTURING OF THE UN DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
AFFAIRS (ESA) IS STILL BEING DEVELOPED AND THAT THE FRENCH
VIEWS WOULD BE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION. THE MINISTER
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COUNSELOR ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT A POSSIBLE CHANGE
IN U.S. POLICY ON CHARTER AMENDMENT INDICATED BY THE
RECENT U.S.-JAPANESE COMMUNIQUE. END SUMMARY.

2. MINISTER COUNSELOR PIERRE BOYER OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY
CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TOUSSAINT MARCH 30 TO
DISCUSS AN ISSUE RAISED AT THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE UN

RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE BY THE DELEGATES OF PAKISTAN, AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE G-77, AND THE SUDAN. HE REFERRED TO THE G-77 PROPOSAL FOR DIVIDING ESA INTO THREE PARTS (FOR RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS, FOR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND FOR SECRETARIAT SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC-SOCIAL MEETINGS) AND TO THE SUDAN'S PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHING A DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG) FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION TO SERVE AS THE UN QUOTE ECONOMIC CZAR UNQUOTE DIRECTLY UNDER THE SECRETARY GENERAL.

3. M. BOYER INDICATED STRONG OPPOSITION TO THESE PROPOSALS. HE SAID THE GOF WANTS TO MAINTAIN ESA AS IT IS, STRESSING THEIR INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE POSITION OF USYG FOR ESA AS A FRENCH POSITION. THE GOF BELIEVES THIS IS LARGELY A POLITICAL ISSUE FOR THE THIRD WORLD, REFLECTING AN EFFORT TO PLACE MORE THIRD WORLD PERSONNEL IN TOP UN SYSTEM POSITIONS. M. BOYER ARGUED THAT THE PROPOSED DIVISION OF ESA WOULD DAMAGE ITS EFFECTIVENESS, AS WOULD ALSO SUBORDINATING IT TO THE PROPOSED QUOTE ECONOMIC CZAR. UNQUOTE HE LEFT A SHORT AIDE-MEMOIRE DETAILING THESE POINTS (POUCHED TO USUN/BAKER).

4. THE MINISTER COUNSELOR NOTED THAT THE U.S. POSITION ON THIS ISSUE WAS QUOTE NOT AS STRONG UNQUOTE AS THAT EXPRESSED BY THE GOF. HE REQUESTED THAT THE UNITED STATES AT THE MAY SESSION OF THE UN RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE JOIN IN A QUOTE UNITED FRONT UNQUOTE WITH THE GOF AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ESA. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOPE THAT HE WOULD LEARN THE U.S. POSITION IN TIME FOR THE GOF TO REFER TO IT IN SPEAKING WITH THE SYG DURING HIS UPCOMING APRIL 6-7 VISIT TO PARIS.

5. MR. TOUSSAINT RESPONDED THAT WE STILL ARE DEVELOPING OUR POSITION REGARDING THE RESTRUCTURING OF ESA AND THAT THE FRENCH VIEWS WOULD BE CONSIDERED FULLY IN THE PROCESS. HE INDICATED THAT JUST AS GOF IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED DG ON THE POSITION OF USYG FOR ESA, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ITS POSSIBLE IMPACT ON THE POSITION OF UNDP ADMINISTRATOR. HE SAID WE ARE LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVES TO MEET LDC INTERESTS AND ASKED IF THE GOF HAD CONSIDERED ANY ALTERNATIVES. HE ALSO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE FUTURE OF USYG VAN LAETHEM SINCE THIS COULD BE A FACTOR OF SOME IMPORTANCE. FINALLY, MR. TOUSSAINT MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE U.S. POSITION WOULD NOT BE READY IN TIME FOR THE APRIL 6-7 VISIT OF THE SYG TO PARIS.

6. M. BOYER INDICATED ONE GOF ALTERNATIVE TO MEET LDC

INTERESTS WOULD BE TO INCREASE THE QUOTE POWER UNQUOTE OR

QUOTE WEIGHT UNQUOTE OF THE OFFICE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION (OTC) UNDER AN LDC NATIONAL. HE ALSO SAID HE EXPECTED THAT VAN LAETHEM WOULD LEAVE HIS POST WHEN HIS CONTRACT EXPIRES IN JANUARY 1978, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT SURE OF THIS.

7. AT THE END, M. BOYER EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT A POSSIBLE CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY REGARDING CHARTER AMENDMENT INDICATED BY U.S. SUPPORT FOR A PERMANENT SEAT FOR JAPAN ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN RECENT U.S.-JAPANESE COMMUNIQUE. HE WARNED THAT ANY CHANGE IN THE CHARTER OPENS THE DOOR TO OTHER MORE TROUBLESOME CHANGES AND SAID THAT GOF CONTINUES TO OPPOSE ANY ADDITIONS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. MR. TOUSSAINT SAID U.S.-JAPANESE COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE SEEN AS REAFFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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U.S. POLICY RECOGNIZING JAPAN'S INTERNATIONAL STATURE, NOT AS CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD CHARTER AMENDMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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